

**MINUTES  
CHICOPEE MOBILEHOME RENT CONTROL BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Robert Hopkins, Sharyn Riley, Ronald Lafond

**ALSO PRESENT**

Christine Lessing-Provost, Attorney to the Board  
Chantal Paul, Secretary to the Board

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Robert Hopkins:** First order of business is the minutes from April 8, 2013. Do we have a motion to accept them?

**Ronald Lafond:** I make a motion to accept those minutes.

**Sharyn Riley:** I second the motion.

**Robert Hopkins:** Any discussion? *Motion passes unanimously.*

**Robert Hopkins:** Tonight we have an order for new business from Knollwood, Harmony and Gill Mobilehome Parks in Chicopee and are owned by Marcia Stemm, Mobilehome Parks, Inc. and this is the first meeting to give notice and we have received a request for rent increase on those three parks and the procedure is this...I have to read the rules. Tonight is strictly a request for a hearing. We do not take any evidence tonight.

Bob reads rules...

**Robert Hopkins:** The owner has 30 days to forward their proposal, which must be certified to the Board, which is October 9<sup>th</sup>. The tenants have 30 days to file a rebuttal. Anything that comes in after 5:00 p.m. on November 8<sup>th</sup> will not be accepted.

**Christine Lessing Provost:** You will receive their proposal within the next 30 days, they have to provide it to you within the next 30 days, ...the owner of the park, and they have to certify that they have served every tenant with a copy of it to the Board and then from that date, which is October 9<sup>th</sup>, you have 30 days as tenants to put together any opposition to their proposal. We don't know, at this point, what their proposal is. All we got is a letter saying they want to request a rent increase and that's what this initial meeting is...it's to set up the dates which they have to provide you with notice and within which time you have to prepare an opposition to that. You have until November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. to provide the Law Department with any paperwork you

would like the Board to consider at the hearing as evidence. The hearing will be on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., 30 days after you provide your paperwork.

Just to reiterate, 30 days from today on October 9<sup>th</sup> the owner of the park has to provide all tenants with whatever their proposal will be and we have three different parks so they will have to provide appropriately to each tenant for those parks, then they have to certify to the Board that they have done so. 30 days from that, on November 8<sup>th</sup>, the tenants will have to provide their paperwork on or before November 8<sup>th</sup> to the Law Department any rebuttal evidence that you want the Board to consider at the hearing. If you don't turn it in by Friday at 5 p.m. on November 8<sup>th</sup>, it will not be considered, so the sooner you get it in the better off you are. The hearing is 30 days after that. We are going to start with whatever the first park that was on the list. Gill, Harmony and Knollwood. We may or may not get through the entire hearings. We are going to have one hearing and make a decision on the first one, then the second hearing will start and a decision will have to be made on that one, so it's very possible we will not finish all three parks on the 9<sup>th</sup>, and if so, the hearing will be tabled until the next Monday.

**Robert Hopkins:** Any tenants are entitled to speak, or have an attorney, or have a tenant's association.

Anything else? Any other business to come before us tonight?

Motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.